

whom they bring the Gospel in any disinterested purpose animating the foreigners coming to their shores. Some selfish end must inspire their coming. Nothing could make plainer the necessity of missionaries to any nation or class of men than their utter lack of faith in disinterested action on the part of any man sent to help them. Where this lack of faith permeates a people there can be no strong, progressive life for them. Without the artist eye and hand the marble never comes to anything. Without religious conviction and morality society, "from the sole of the foot even unto the head," has no health in it. The essence of all public and private morality is God and His authority impressed upon the heart of a people. The life of trade is credit and trust. The foundation of earthly prosperity is public morality. The financial evils afflicting the world are mainly owing to man's distrust of his fellow-man. Every man thinking and acting aright puts life into business; whilst every over-reaching, grasping spirit in the business world is its worst enemy. How shall we most effectually secure men against the passions of lust, greed and carnal ambition? Men can only become effectually resistful of evil as they walk in the light of Jehovah, as they are made courageous by His promises and holy by His precepts.

The history of Scotland, and indeed of the United Kingdom, is a blessed demonstration of this truth. Whatever glory has shone there has come through religious ideals, through walking in the light of God revealed in the Holy Scriptures. She has gone "up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob." In the degree she has been taught of his ways and has walked in His paths she has been victorious in peace and "triumphant in war." "Blessed is the people whose God is Lord." If history has brought any lesson to the world, it is that a people to